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IN THE CLAIMS:

To expedite prosecution of the present application, Applicants hereby cancel claim 12 without prejudice. Applicants reserve the right to pursue claim 22 at a later date.

Please amend claim 23 to be in independent form as follows:

23. (Amended) A method for supporting a stator coil to thereby reduce vibrations within a stator, the method comprising:

radially supporting the bottom of end portions of the contents of a stator coil slot by the use of a coil support finger plate having a base portion thereof which defines a stator coil slot bottom; and

further comprising positioning first and second stator slot wedges each to overlie a corresponding one of end portions of first and second stator coil slots and in first and second spaced-apart, wedge lands formed in the coil support finger plate, the first wedge land for the first wedge being formed in a distal end portion of at least one finger of the coil support finger plate extending between end portions of the first and second stator coil slots and the second wedge land for the second wedge being formed in the distal end portion of the same at least one finger of the coil support finger plate;

wherein the at least one finger also has medial portions thereof which extend along side peripheries of only one of the end portions of the first and second stator coil slots.